

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
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the specification of which (check one)
 is attached hereto.

was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____
(if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claim(s). We do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

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- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
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- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
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